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Tinnon ready for final season with Herd men's basketball

By LAKE MOREHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

The wait is over. Dennis Tinnon will officially wearing a kelly green uniform this basketball season.

Tinnon, a senior forward, was awarded one more year of eligibility by the NCAA. The Green Bay, Wis., native was a junior college transfer before beginning his career at Marshall.

The process Tinnon went through during the offseason was longer than most expected.

Tinnon said that the waiting period for the NCAA's decision was taxing on him.

"That four months of me waiting was so long and so scary," Tinnon said.

The approval by the NCAA, which granted Tinnon the extra year of eligibility, was humbling to the 6-foot 8 forward.

"It means a lot to me," Tinnon said. "I'm blessed to be here and get an opportunity to play here. Getting that extra year back helped so much."

Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion said he played a role

in Tinnon's eligibility approval.

"No one other than Dennis and his family were more concerned with the ruling or the process than I was," Herrion said.

Coach Herrion said he is glad to see his senior forward earn another year of eligibility.

"It's a great story," Herrion said. "He had a great summer. We've got a kid who is obviously one of the best rebounders in America."

Marshall hosted its annual Thundering Herd Madness on Friday evening. Team captains such as Tinnon were in attendance, along with new faces as well.

Tinnon said he is optimistic about the Thundering Herd's chances this season.

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Senior forward Dennis Tinnon dunks during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday in the Cam Henderson Center.

COLLEEN O'SHEA | THE PARTHENON



Kane growing and maturing

By ADAM ROGERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

From young and immature to grown and understanding, junior guard DeAndre Kane has come a long way from whence he began.

The Pittsburgh native has taken many steps to becoming the player he is today for the Marshall Thundering Herd men's basketball team.

Prior to playing for The Patterson School out of North Carolina, Kane played for Schenley High School in his hometown and helped guide the Spartans to a state title as a junior and three consecutive Pittsburgh City League Championships from his sophomore to his senior year.

Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion was an assistant for the University of Pittsburgh while Kane was in high school and actually recruited him to play for the Panthers.

"I've seen him since we kicked him out of camp at Pitt when he was in high school," Herrion said.

Kane said he does not recall that, but he would not be surprised if it actually happened.

"He probably did," Kane said. "I was young. I was a cut-up back in the day."

Kane first arrived on the Huntington campus as a prop player and was forced to sit out the 2009-10 season as partial-academic qualifier under then-head coach Donnie Jones.

Jones opted to leave the Herd program at the conclusion of that season for the same position at the University of Central Florida, and enter Herrion.

Under Herrion's tutelage, Kane was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year in 2010-11 and has since been named to the Preseason All-C-USA First Team twice.

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TOP: Junior guard DeAndre Kane, left, steals the ball from sophomore guard Chris Martin during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday in the Cam Henderson Center.

RIGHT: Junior guard DeAndre Kane, attempts a shot from half court during Thundering Herd Madness on Friday.

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Women's basketball coach discusses upcoming season

By JAMES COLLIER
FOR THE PARTHENON

At the age of 18, Arkansas's Mr. Basketball and Player of the Year Matt Daniel chose to pass on an offer to play basketball at Marshall University, electing to accept an offer from the University of Colorado. Time has come full circle and Daniel now finds himself at Marshall, but not as a player, rather as a coach.

Daniel was named head coach of the Marshall Women's Basketball program on May 29, and plans on using his philosophy of the game to better the program.

"I'm not trying to change it," Daniel said. "I'm trying to clean and polish it, because I think it is something we have to show off."

Daniel's philosophy of "Home of Higher Hoops" is the foundation he wishes to inject into the program.

"It's very simple and very cliché, attitude and effort are not options," Daniel said.

He said he does not believe in star players, rather one team operating under one concept. That concept is one step at a time.

"Just one day at a time" is Daniel's motto and a process that will take time to learn;

however, his success in previous programs speaks for itself. Daniel's resume includes numerous NCAA records, most notably a NCAA tournament bid and two players that have signed to play in the WNBA. This is the success he wants to bring to Marshall.

Daniel's style of play makes the game exciting for the player and the fan, an important factor if which he is aware.

"We are going to let loose of the harness and play a free flowing style that is fun to watch, coach and officiate while providing an entertaining element to the game for the fans," Daniel said.

Daniel implements a system he calls full-tilt basketball, something he says can be enjoyable to watch. Daniel explained the system as viewing the entire court as a teeter-totter. He wants his offense to run downhill and the opposing team to run uphill.

Another piece of his full-tilt puzzle is the fans. "We want to put the arena on tilt with the game day environment with help from our fanfare," Daniel said. Daniel is no stranger to attracting large crowds to games as he broke

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University women's basketball head coach, Matt Daniel, speaks during Media Day on Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center.

MU students feast after day of fasting

By SAMUEL SPECIALE
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Muslim Student Association encouraged students to participate in a day of fasting on Friday and then provided a meal for those involed in the fast.

Participants were required to refrain from eating and drinking anything from sunup to sundown and had to spend the day in reflection and prayer.

Skye Smith, a junior math major from Hurricane, W.Va., said she took part in the fast so she could focus on spiritual matters for a day.

“When I started thinking about being hungry, I just used that time to reflect,” Smith said. “I am a Christian, so I found myself stopping and taking some extra time to pray and focus on some things I need to work on in my spiritual life.”

Smith said fasting with her friends helped her gain insight into why Muslims fast the way they do.

“Spiritually, it helped me with being more aware of my faith,” Smith said. “I can see why Muslims would fast to help them be more aware of the things they need to fix as well. It’s the same spiritual aspect; we want the same outcome.”

As fellow students gathered to eat in room BE5 in the Memorial Student Center, Zane Parsley, a

senior biology major from Barboursville, W.Va., said he was attracted to participate in the fast because of his interest in Islamic culture.

“We, as Christians, need to keep our focus on God when we pray for specific things,” Parsley said. “I think, for Muslims, it may be more of an issue of self-sacrifice whereas for me it’s more a thing of prayer and direction. It was spiritually enlightening.”

Parsley said he wishes there were more chances for dialogue between Muslims and Christians at Marshall.

“I think there is a culture of fear that we have built in America that doesn’t need to be here,” Parsley said. “A lot of people fear what they do not know and any time you are exposed to a new culture you break those barriers of fear down.”

As some students shared their newfound perspective from the fast, other students reflected on other aspects of fasting for a day.

Malak Khader, a junior public relations major from Huntington, W.Va., said fasting puts her in a situation of hunger that many people in the world face on a daily basis.

“We don’t realize how fortunate we are with the food we get everyday,” Khader said. “Whenever



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Students in the Marshall University Muslim Association had a feast on Friday, following a day of fasting. Students involved spent the day in reflection and prayer and then ate a full-course meal after sundown.

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MU alum pledges 300K for medical school scholarships

By LAKIN TURNER
THE PARTHENON

In 1972, Donald L. Blankenship graduated from Marshall University and in 1999 he was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame.

The recipient of the West Virginia Society of CPA’s 2002 Outstanding Member in Business and Industry award is now giving back to his community.

In honor of his mother, Nancy Marie McCoy, Blankenship has pledged over a three year period, \$300,000 for scholarships for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Blankenship said that southern West Virginia is in need for high quality local doctors.

“I am fortunate to be able to contribute in a small way toward fulfilling this need, while at the same time honoring my mother’s memory, helping my alma mater, and helping these gifted students to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors,” Blankenship said.

Students chosen to receive the awards, which will be renewed annually for two years, were chosen based on academic merit and financial need bases.

The ten students chosen are James T. Buchanan, Rudolf Burcl, John M. Davitt, Aaron M. Dom, Jessica A. Layne, Andrew S. Martin, Joseph V. Russo, Jonathan S. Seibert, Stephanie L. Taylor and Adam J. Van Horn.

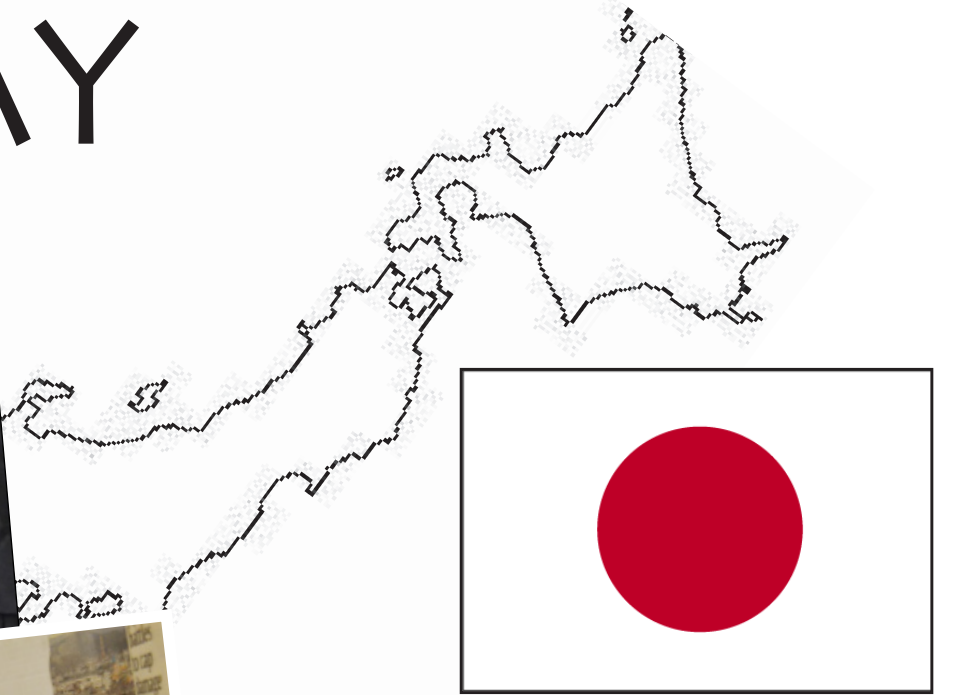
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JAPAN DAY



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The Marshall University Japan Club sponsored Japan Day at the Memorial Student Center to celebrate Japanese culture.



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The Marshall University Memorial Student Center can usually be found filled with Marshall students relaxing, studying and hanging out, but on Sunday, the building had a distinct Far East feeling.

That’s because twenty four Japanese high school students joined with Marshall students, faculty and staff to help celebrate Japan Day, an event designed to celebrate Japanese culture.

The Japanese students are in Huntington as a part of Marshall’s Japan Outreach Initiative, which sent 23 West Virginia high school students to Japan for two weeks over the summer.

Authentic Japanese food was served at the event and several of the Japanese students gave presentations on the tragedies that struck their country March 11, 2011. The event was sponsored by Marshall’s Japan Club.

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Anime convention attracts comic buffs to Huntington

By ERIKA RITTENHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Tsubasacon is West Virginian’s premier anime convention. The 7th annual Tsubasacon Anime Convention was featured last weekend at Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The convention has been celebrated for nine years, with this being its seventh year in Huntington. This year Tsubasacon attracted more fans than ever to come our and share a common interest. Tsubasacons most recent convention attracted over 1,000 people.

Michael Thompson, chairman, created Tsubasacon Inc. in 2004 with a group of others after founding the Anime club at Concord University. After leaving college he wanted to continue his passion for anime and that’s when he created Tsubasacon Inc.

“This is a great event because it brings all anime fans together to enjoy a common interest,” said Thompson.

Today, the convention attracts people from ages five to sixty-seven with most of the attendees being teenagers and young adults.. Jack Harney, Director of Marketing for the event advertises through Facebook, radio, local press and the company’s website. Through advertising with the Mayors

office, Mayor Kim Wolfe was even there to attend the event.

The Tsubasacon Convention hosted a variety of entertainment. There were video game tournaments, live concerts, showings of animations, special guests and much more. Vendors brought animations, dolls, key chains and other memorabilia to be purchased.

“Cosplay” or costume play, is a huge aspect of the Tsubasacon convention as well. Convention-goers come each day dressed as their favorite character “from pretty much anything”. These costumes are what get people excited and set the mood for the convention.

“We just get so many people to come out and dress up for the convention and that’s a good thing, because there really is no other anime event in West Virginia. We are the biggest, the first, the best, and the only,” said David Richmond, vice chairman of Tsubasacon.

Tsubasacon has been praised by many for its small-convention feel and hospitality while providing the people of West Virginia an experience comparable to larger cities.

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Tsubasacon, West Virginia’s premier anime convention, attracted more than a thousand comic buffs to Huntington’s Big Sandy Superstore Arena.



	C-USA		Overall	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
UCF	2	0	4	2
EAST CAROLINA	3	1	4	3
MARSHALL	1	1	2	4
MEMPHIS	1	1	1	5
UAB	0	2	1	5
SOUTHERN MISS	0	2	0	6

SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	4	0	6	1
HOUSTON	2	0	3	3
TULANE	1	1	1	5
SMU	1	1	2	4
RICE	0	3	2	5
UTEP	0	3	1	6



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Column

New season, same expectations

By DALTON HAMMONDS
THE PARTHENON

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Do you remember it? Because I do.

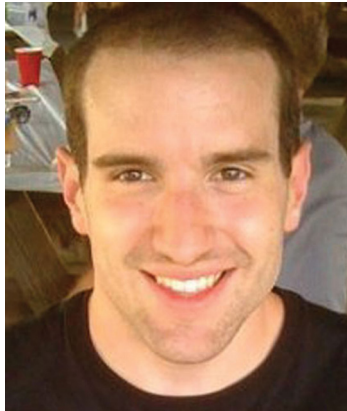
That was the score of the Conference-USA Tournament final between Marshall and Memphis last season.

I remember watching last year's magical run through that very same tournament. There was DeAndre Kane's 40-point explosion during Marshall's triple-overtime win against Tulsa. Then just one day later, an exhausted but determined Thundering Herd defeated a Southern Mississippi team in the semi-finals that would be ultimately be selected for a spot in the NCAA Tournament. All of this coming while Marshall was slowly making its own case for the Big Dance. Then came the loss to Memphis and the agonizing selection show.

I remember watching the names of teams like Iona (who we beat by 19 points) and Colorado State get called to earn the chance to cause a little madness. As the bracket was slowly unveiled, I believed we had a strong case to get in and I'm sure I wasn't the only one. But, the Thundering Herd was left out the NCAA's and was sent to Middle Tennessee State for an NIT game that would end their season.

You may ask yourself why am I bringing up all this up. The answer is simple. I don't forget what happened last March and neither does Tom Herrion or the Thundering Herd men's basketball team. As we come off the heels of Herd Madness, there is a certain optimism surrounding the 2012-13 version of the Thundering Herd. The bottom line is that this team needs to be clicking on all cylinders right away. There's a reason ESPN.com ranked Marshall's non-conference schedule the 10th most difficult in the entire country.

Villanova, West Virginia, Cincinnati and the defending national champion Kentucky Wildcats all grace the Herd's schedule before 2013 even gets here (and if you're still into the whole Mayan end of the world conspiracy, the "end of the world" is scheduled for



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instead of waiting and hoping on selection Sunday. ESPN.com called Marshall's non-conference slate "perfect for a possible bubble team," but why should this team settle for the bubble. I can't believe I'm saying that given that Damier Pitts, Shaq Johnson and Dago Pena have graduated and moved on. This Marshall team should actually be stronger than last year's team.

DeAndre Kane returns to build on his amazing finish to last season. He was the Herd's leading scorer last season and there's no reason to think he won't earn that distinction this year as well. Dennis Tinnon (maybe the only man to fight the NCAA and win) is back in the NCAA's and was sent to Middle Tennessee State for an NIT game that would end their season. You may ask yourself why am I bringing up all this up. The answer is simple. I don't forget what happened last March and neither does Tom Herrion or the Thundering Herd men's basketball team. As we come off the heels of Herd Madness, there is a certain optimism surrounding the 2012-13 version of the Thundering Herd. The bottom line is that this team needs to be clicking on all cylinders right away. There's a reason ESPN.com ranked Marshall's non-conference schedule the 10th most difficult in the entire country.

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In the paint with Herd center Robert Goff

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SPORTS EDITOR

The 2011-2012 Marshall men's basketball team had an anchor in the paint. Robert Goff, who transferred from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas, immediately had an impact on the program.

Goff finished the 2011-2012 season fifth on the team in scoring and third in rebounding.

Goff was not the only Herd player to transfer to Marshall

last season. Dennis Tinnon, a transfer from Kansas City Community College, joined Goff in Marshall's frontcourt. Goff said having Tinnon go through the same thing with him helped tremendously.

"It was great," Goff said. "Just having somebody come in with the same experience as me."

The 6-foot-9 center is entering his senior year and said he is ready for the season to be here.

"Words can't even explain how excited I am," Goff said.

"It is just going to be a tremendous year."

Goff, an Indianapolis native, had knee surgery in the off-season and said he has been working on getting back into shape.

"I have mostly been getting my conditioning back from having knew surgery," Goff said. "Working on my jump shot from 15 to 17 feet."

Head Coach Tom Herrion said Goff used the off time to his advantage.

"He is cleared to go," Herrion

said. "He bigger and stronger."

Goff said he has worked hard to produce more in his final year.

"They (fans) can expect more effort and more rebounding," Goff said.

The Thundering Herd finished the 2011-2012 with 39.8 rebounds per game. Goff finished the 2011-2012 season averaging 6.1 points per game and 4.6 rebounds.

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Robert Goff dunks the ball during the the Thundering Herd Madness dunk contest Friday night. Goff defeated Elijah Pittman in the finals of the dunk contest.



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Column

Thundering Herd heavy schedule

By LACHEL HOUSE
FOR THE PARTHENON

It's that time of the year again. That time when free throws can make or break you, fans are waiting to see their favorite big man posterize someone in the paint and buzzer beaters in the 4th quarter are a gift from God. That time of the year when everyone has their sights set on the madness of March and which players will make their claim to fame. Yes, college basketball season is a couple of weeks away.

Marshall's men's basketball team has a difficult schedule ahead of them, but three games stand out the most: Cincinnati, Kentucky and in conference opponent, until July 1, 2013, Memphis.

On Dec. 15, 2012, the Thundering Herd is set to face Cincinnati in Charleston, W.Va. This is an extremely appealing match up, which resulted in a win for the Herd last season. The Wildcats took the Big East by storm in the late part of the season last year, being 7-2 in their last nine conference games after losing three straight. Cincy made it to the Big East championship game, losing to Louisville 50-44. The Wildcats fared well in the NCAA Tournament as well. There, they lost to Ohio State in the Sweet Sixteen.

Although the Wildcats no longer have

forward Yancy Gates, they still have forward/guard Sean Kilpatrick, who averaged 14.3 points last year and led the Big East with 92 three-pointers. Cashmere Wright and JaQuon Parker are also set to have a successful season this year.

Next on the list is the Dec. 22, 2012 game against Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. Marshall is losing the series 0-11. Overall, this is the most exciting yet challenging game for the Herd. Kentucky is coming off a 38-2 run last season, losing the SEC championship to Vanderbilt, but winning their eighth national championship.

Although UK lost their entire starting lineup to the NBA Draft, we must keep in mind that UK is a basketball powerhouse. For example, all of their incoming freshman are in the top 10 of their positions and the top 20 in the 2012 recruiting class overall. As a matter of fact, UK was able to grab the best player in the 2012 class, Nerlens Noel; however, Noel is still under NCAA investigation. Their returning players are talented as well. Sophomore forward Kyle Wiltjer hit 35 three-pointers last year. Sophomore guard Ryan Harrow is able to play this season after sitting out the 2011-2012 season due to transfer regulations. He is set to make an impact this season.

The Thundering Herd is set to face in

conference opponent Memphis on January 26, 2013 in Memphis, Tenn. and Feb. 16, 2013 in Huntington, W.Va. This will more than likely be the last two times Memphis will go against Marshall since the Tigers are joining the Big East in July 2013. Memphis is coming off of a 26-9 season, winning their sixth Conference USA championship after beating Marshall. They ended up being 13-3 in conference. The Tigers took an early exit in the NCAA tournament, losing to St. Louis in the first round.

Memphis took a major hit with the loss of guard/forward Will Barton, but they should be able to rally together with the help of junior guard Chris Crawford and McDonald's All-American freshman forward Shaq Goodwin.

Thundering Herd basketball is entering the 2012-2013 season after having a fairly good 2011-2012 season. It should be interesting to see what the Herd does in conference after making it to the conference championship game last season. This year should be exciting for Herd fans to watch, especially with the exciting match-ups on the schedule. So, mark your calendars for these appealing games to be played in the coming months.

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MU women's coaching staff is new, young

By CAITIE SMITH
THE PARTHENON

In 1971 "The Young Thundering Herd" was a tagline for the mostly all freshmen football team.

In 2012, "The Young Thundering Herd" is about to have a different meaning for women's basketball. Its about transition; rebirth; rebuild.

First year head coach Matt Daniel is accompanied by three assistant coaches, also in their first season with the Herd. The average age of the four coaches is just over 30 years old.

"I don't think its fair to compare what they've done with what we are trying to get them to do," Daniel said of his inherited team. "They're not scared to make a mistake."

The Thundering Herd roster boasts three seniors, four juniors (two redshirts), four sophomores and two freshmen.

Returning to the Herd is sophomore Shay Weaver, who received Conference USA All-Freshman team honors last year. Weaver averaged just over six points per game and led last year's squad in three point baskets with 39.

"We knew from the beginning it was gonna be a big change. In this small amount of time we've done so much that we really didn't know we were able to do," Weaver said of the transition.

It was not hard for the ladies to catch to the new offense on under Daniel's guidance and accepting the fast paced style of play sparked no objections.

"We like to play fast," Weaver said.

Sometimes in practice, when things just aren't clicking the way they should be, Daniel and his staff take to the

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Column

Romney plan under criticism, not impossible

By DANNY HUIZINGA
BAYLOR U. VIA UWIRE

Tax policy has been a focal point in this election, with both candidates claiming their proposals "strengthen the middle class". Much of the debate last Wednesday involved criticisms of the opponent's tax policy.

Who is telling the truth? Well, like most issues in politics, it depends on how you define the terms.

Let's look at President Obama first. Although claiming in the Wednesday debate that he reduced taxes on the middle class by \$3,600, the reality is that those cuts were temporary. The "Making Work Pay" tax credit saved the average family \$800 a year, but it expired in 2011 and Obama did not renew it. The other tax cut Obama refers to, the payroll tax cut, expires at the end of this year as well.

We can't forget the impact of "ObamaCare." According to the Associated Press, nearly 6 million people will see a tax increase due to the new health insurance law. Most of these 6 million are in the "middle class" and will see their taxes rise by an average of \$1,200 per year.

Mitt Romney's plan relies on lowering tax rates and closing loopholes to make up for the difference in revenue.

His plan has been criticized as "impossible" by the Obama campaign, citing a study from a Princeton economist, Harvey Rosen.

Unfortunately for the president, Rosen soon spoke to the press claiming Obama had misrepresented his study, saying: "I can't tell exactly how the Obama campaign reached that characterization of my work... The main conclusion of my study is that under plausible assumptions, a proposal along the lines suggested by Governor Romney can both be revenue neutral and keep the net tax burden on taxpayers with incomes above \$200,000 about the same. That is, an increase in the tax burden on lower and middle income individuals is not required in order to make the overall plan revenue neutral," he said.

How is this possible? How can tax rates be reduced without slashing revenue? It all depends on economic growth. Cutting tax rates often spurs economic growth, as consumers have more money to spend and invest. As the economy grows, more people become wealthier and end up offsetting some of the revenue lost from lower rates.

Professor Greg Mankiw of Harvard University calculated the effects that tax cuts pay for themselves in a paper written back in 2005:

"In all of the models considered here, the dynamic response of the economy to tax changes is too large to be ignored. In almost all cases, tax cuts are partly self-financing. This is especially true for cuts in capital income taxes."

Although Obama criticizes Romney's plan because it "might" burden the middle class at some point, he ignores the fact that his own plans have not been particularly helpful, to say the least.

Even if Romney did need to eventually close some loopholes that currently benefit the middle-class, the tax cuts would first and foremost give relief to middle-class Americans.

Who do you think made the best points in the Vice Presidential Debate?

- Biden
- Ryan

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Who do you think made the best points in the Presidential Debate in Denver?

- Obama 32% - 26 votes
- Romney 68% - 55 votes

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Editorial

Roswell, N.M. gains bragging right, man makes record-breaking jump

Roswell, N.M., is a small southwestern town with a pretty big name. In the summer of 1947, a flying saucer and its alien passengers allegedly crashed into a field just outside of Roswell. Remnants of the "flying saucer" turned out to be something that resembled a balloon of sorts. The incident was hushed for many years but entered the spotlight once more around 1980 and has since maintained notoriety. Numerous articles, books, documentaries and most recognizably, a television show, have been released regarding the Roswell Incident. Roswell has capitalized on its quirkiness and welcomes tourists to explore the town and indulge in UFO and alien speculation regarding the event that happened 65 years ago.

Another event celebrated its 65th anniversary yesterday: West Virginia native and pilot, Chuck Yeager, broke the sound barrier in an airplane on October 14, 1947. In celebration of the famed flight, Yeager took a ride on a F-15 Eagle, breaking the sound barrier at 30,000 feet above the Mojave Dessert, where he had first accomplished the feat. His celebratory efforts were overshadowed,

however, by a man in Roswell, N.M.

Another balloon fell from the sky and landed in Roswell, and this one can be verified. Austrian daredevil, Felix Baumgartner, took a leap of faith, jumping from 24 miles in the air, breaking the sound barrier and plenty of records on his way back to safe ground in New Mexico. Baumgartner became the first man to reach supersonic speed without a jet or spacecraft. He also took the highest altitude jump of any man and marked the highest manned-balloon flight record.

Many components surrounding the jump had to go just right in order for Baumgartner to finish alive. But after nine minutes of dissension, he landed on his feet. The feat was nothing less than incredible. And thirty cameras recorded the event that will surely land its two feet on Youtube in just a matter of time.

Roswell has a new and improved bragging right. Forget that extraterrestrial nonsense and visit Roswell, N.M.,— landing spot for Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking jump.

BLUNDERGRADS

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)



Column

Preserve early voting

By ALEX RUBIN
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE VIA UWIRE

This election cycle, there has been a lot of talk about various election laws that have passed and will affect voters this coming November. However, one issue that has yet to take hold of the national spotlight is early voting. During the 2008 election, Barack Obama was able to win various key states and win the presidency because, in large part, he was able to clinch a large portion of those voters who voted early, either by mail or in person.

Early voting allows citizens to vote before Election Day, usually to accommodate out-of-state residents, such as college students, or those who will be unable to vote on the inconvenient Tuesday election day. In addition, as college students, some of us decide to vote in our home states as opposed to registering in New Hampshire. The absentee ballots that we send in are received upwards of a month before Election Day. Though these ballots aren't counted until November 6, they still have a significant impact on election dynamics.

During the 2008 election, President Obama accrued so many votes during the early voting period in North Carolina that even though he lost the Election Day popular vote, he was still able to secure the state's electoral votes. Though most of these early votes don't occur a month in advance, with some states having early voting periods the weekend before the election, there is something to be said about the impact early voting has.

Voting dynamics are, in large part, influenced by the specific socioeconomic groups that are physically able to vote. For example, for some people who may work odd hours or double shifts, holding Election Day during a weekday hinders their ability to cast a vote. The fact that most election days around the world don't occur during the week but instead occur on weekends attests to the fact that our election calendar is antiquated.

The decision to hold elections on Tuesday is based on our agrarian history. Back when the majority of Americans were farmers and needed a day to get to the polls, it

seemed convenient to place Election Day on the day before market day, meaning that farmers could harvest their crops and then go to town and sell their crops as well as vote.

In modern times, Americans are increasingly located in cities and polling places have become more easily accessible to most Americans, which makes this out-of-date procedure more inconvenient than anything else. In a country in which 9:00 to 5:00 jobs are extremely common and in which voting on a Tuesday may be physically impossible for some, this choice may inadvertently serve to disenfranchise a select few.

Early voting acts as a solution to this problem by accommodating those Americans who otherwise would not be able to vote, either because of the aforementioned obstacle or because, like us college students, they temporarily reside in another state.

With this in mind, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals recently overturned an Ohio law allowing only military personnel to participate in early voting. The court stated that all voters must

be treated equally under Ohio law and that allowing early voting for some residents requires that it must be allowed for all.

Proponents of the law claimed that because military personnel could be deployed at any time, they deserved special privileges in terms of when they could vote. Although this point is in fact true, when it comes to voting, any incapacity is equally legitimate. Whether deployed to foreign soil or unable to vote because of the necessity to work to provide for one's own family, the incapacity is the same and results in the same inability to participate in the voting process. Therefore, early voting must be applied equally to all residents of a state or county.

A change in one factor or one aspect of the voting process, such as early voting, can have systemic effects that alter the nature of the election and voter dynamics. The exact nature of these effects is unknown in the best case, or intended in the worst, and therefore should be avoided at all costs to prevent any form of unlawful or unfair tampering with elections.

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Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, said Blankenship’s generous gift will help in assisting students follow their dreams.

“We are grateful to Mr.Blankenship for his support of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and specifically his commitment to helping our students,” Holmes said.

The second-year medical students who exhibit high academic achievement will receive \$10,000 to help with the cost of tuition.

One of the students who received the award, Adam J. Van Horn, sent Blankenship a letter, thanking him for his gift.

“I told him thank you for giving me the opportunity to choose my specialty without much consideration of the amount of money I owe, which is a problem many medical students face when graduating,” Van Horn said.

He also said monetary concerns are a primary reason for a shortage of primary care physicians in this country.

“I think this gift from Mr. Blankenship has vast implications, much more so than simply giving a handful of medical students a significant amount of money,” Van Horn said.

Van Horn is considering going into otolaryngology or family medicine upon graduation.

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“This is going to be the best year ever at Marshall University,” Tinnon said. “We have a really good chance of winning the conference. I just can’t wait to enjoy the time here.”

Tinnon’s stats from last season ranked among some of the best in the nation. He averaged 10 rebounds per game, which placed him at 22nd in the country. Tinnon was named to the Conference USA All-Defensive Team and also broke the record for rebounds in the C-USA tournament.

Tinnon and his wife are expecting their second child in late December. This news, along with the extra year of eligibility, make for a great start to Tinnon’s final year at Marshall he said.

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you fast, you put yourself through that suffering. You can’t eat and you can’t drink, and for us it’s a big deal, but for other people that is their everyday life.”

Khader said she was happy to see the interest and turnout for the fast because it increases acceptance and understanding among students.

“It helps to get a better understanding of what our religion requires,” Khader said. “I get the same feeling whenever I do stuff that Christians or Jews do. It helps you gain a better understanding of what their religion is about, what they do and why they do it.”

Khader said that fasting always has a positive impact in her life and in the lives of people who fast.

“I think it’s always positive—today especially,” Khader said. “It’s not just Muslims that I am fasting with, but with people who just wanted to try it out and see what we go through. That makes me feel really special because there are people who are willing to take that extra step to experience what we do.”

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Body found by hunters believed to be missing Florida student

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MIAMI — For weeks, Carlos Aguilar made the 350-mile trip to Gainesville to continue the agonizing search for his missing son, Christian Aguilar, a University of Florida freshman.

But on Saturday, after the worrying and waiting, the father and family rushed to Levy County an hour outside of Gainesville. They came after the discovery of a body in the woods, likely that of Aguilar, the teenager who united strangers in South Florida and Gainesville in a relentless but futile three-week search.

More than anything, Carlos Aguilar wanted to bring his son home.

Volunteers from across the state combed dense patches of woods, but it was 60 miles southwest of the campus town that hunters scouring for firewood discovered the body of a young man on a rural dirt road, with blue jeans and blue Van sneakers — clothing that matches the description of what Aguilar was wearing when he disappeared Sept. 20.

The hunters, searching on the grounds of the Gulf Hammock Hunting Club near Cedar Key, noticed a stench and stumbled onto a skull and decomposing body on Friday afternoon. They thought it was a dead deer and hurried over, thinking they’d remove the antlers. While it will take a few days to make an official identification, police believe it’s Aguilar.

Gainesville police, who are leading the investigation, are assisting the Levy County Sheriff’s Office in the forensic processing of the body.

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court to push the team harder. Just a small step in helping the rebuild.

“If I don’t like the way things are going, I lace my shoes up and run the point,” Daniel said. “That’s why we have youngest coaching staff in the country. That’s no accident.”

Weaver and the team enjoy the hands-on interaction with their coaches and the level of

competition that arises.

“Our first day of practice, I got a little mad. I was guarding Coach, and he got passed me. He’s my coach, he’s not supposed to do that and he did that with ease,” Weaver said.

“Its amazing to see the energy level raise when we get out there,” Daniel said. “That screen’s a little bit tougher when Coach Daniel is out there.”

The Herd will begin their season Nov. 1 with an exhibition game against Concord University,

and officially start their season Nov. 9 when they take on Radford.

Daniel’s philosophy for the rebirth of Marshall women’s basketball is simple.

“If you do the right thing—play hard and act right, it helps shots fall,” Daniel said. “Ball will take care of itself.”

The transition and rebuild of women’s basketball is officially underway.

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attendance records for a game and season last year at Central Arkansas. Daniel’s team also led the Southland Conference in attendance last year. Before departing Central Arkansas, Daniel had increased attendance 350 percent since his arrival in 2008.

The success of Daniel’s programs has been in part to his support staff, a staff that was assembled by design.

“We have the youngest staff in the country and this is no

accident, but by design,” Daniel said. “We wanted a staff that could relate to these kids.”

The upcoming season is not only a new beginning for Marshall Basketball, but the beginning of a new regime. While Daniels has been seen walking around the Henderson Center with plaid shorts and bright green shoes, he hopes the product produced will be as catching as he is, representing his version of a polished team with a new look.

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However, things were not so great for the Herd’s leading scorer when he first arrived.

“When I first got here I hated class and sometimes I skipped class or would come to practice late, things like that,” Kane said. “But now everything is focused.”

Focused was the appropriate word for Kane to use.

He has been hitting the gym hard every day to work on aspects of his game that were lacking.

“A lot of shots with my GAs and free throws,” Kane said. “I think that’s part of my game I was slacking on. I worked on that a lot and I was in the gym every day, still am every day and am not going to stop.”

“A lot of things were my technique,” Kane continued. “I wasn’t jumping on my shot and left some short. I worked on that and I got it right this year.”

Kane had an excellent sophomore season for the Herd, averaging 16.5 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists a game while playing in 34 of Marshall’s 35 games.

The one missed game for Kane came due to the death of his father, Calvin Kane, just before the Thundering Herd’s game at UCF on Feb. 8.

Kane played in that contest, but missed the following game against East Carolina to attend the funeral.

“Losing him hurt a lot, but

it made me stronger in some points,” Kane said. “I know this was his dream more than mine. He wanted this for me more than I wanted it, so every day I just go hard for him.”

Over the summer Kane changed his number from 24 to 50 to honor his father, who would have been 50 years old one week after his death in February.

Although Kane’s biological father is no longer with him, Kane said Herrion is the next best thing.

“He’s been like a father to me since my father died,” Kane said. “He’s helped me since I was young, ever since he was at Pittsburgh and I was trying to go to Pitt. Anything I need I can always go to him for advice.”

Advice is something Herrion can offer a lot of for Kane, and Herrion said people would be surprised how far Kane has come in his life.

“He’s come so far and yet he still has so far to go,” Herrion said. “He’s made great strides in a lot of areas of his life and academically. I think it amazes some people who have direct knowledge of where he was at the day I stepped foot on this campus to where we have him now in leading toward graduation.”

With two more years of eligibility remaining for Kane, the once young and immature kid can become one of the greatest basketball players to ever step on the Cam Henderson Center floor.

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Marshall basketball rosters
Men’s

NO	NAME	POS	CLASS	HOMETOWN	NO	NAME	POS	CLASS	HOMETOWN
0	CHRIS MARTIN	G	SO	Marlboro, Md.	35	AUSTIN LOOP	G	FR	South Webster, Ohio
1	DENNIS TINNON	F	SR	Green Bay, Wis.	50	DEANDRE KANE	G	JR	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2	ROBERT GOFF	F	SR	Indianapolis, Ind.					
4	JAMIER HANNER	F	SO	Philadelphia, Pa.					
11	NIGEL SPIKES	C	SR	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.					
12	KAREEM CANTY	G	FR	Harlem, N.Y.					
15	DEVINCE BOYKINS	G	RS-FR	Forest City, N.C.					
21	TYQUANE GOARD	F	SO	Charleston, W.Va.					
23	D.D. SCARVER	G/F	JR	Birmingham, Ala.					
24	ELIJAH PITTMAN	F	JR	Covington, Ky.					
31	JP KAMBOLA	C	SO	Toronto, Canada					
32	TAMRON MANNING	G	FR	Georgetown, Ky.					
34	YOUS MBAO	C	JR	RuPisque, Senegal					

Women’s

NO	NAME	POS	CLASS	HOMETOWN
1	JENNIFER RAMIREZ	G	FR	New York City, N.Y.
2	ORLANDRIA WILLIAMS	F	JR	Memphis, Tenn.
10	SHAY WEAVER	G	SO	Arlington, Texas
11	SARA SANG	F	SO	Huntington, W.Va.
13	JASMINE SHAW	G	RS-JR	Cincinnati, Ohio
15	ERICA WOODS	G	RS-JR	St. George, Bermuda
20	NORRISHA VICTRUM	G	FR	Columbia, S.C.
21	LEANDRA KING	C	SR	New Carrollton, Md.
23	VERONICA RUIZ	G/F	SR	Harlem, N.Y.
24	SHYINISHA JOHNSON	G	RS-SR	Cincinnati, Ohio
30	JUSTINE BOERGER	F	SO	Racine, Wisc.
33	CHUKWUKA EZEIGBO	F	SO	Trenton, N.J.
35	SUPORIA DICKENS	F	JR	Freeport, Ill.



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Center court with Herd guard Chris Martin



LEFT: Marshall University point guard Chris Martin dribbles the ball during warm-ups of Thundering Herd Madness on Friday. RIGHT: Martin dunks the ball in warm-ups during Thundering Herd Madness. Martin, a sophomore from Upper Marlboro, Md., finished the 2011-2012 season 5-15 from three-point range and a personal best nine points against East Carolina on Feb. 11.

By JEREMY JOHNSON
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Most 8-year-old boys are making a ruckus during third-grade recess or riding their bicycles around the neighborhood. Others are locked in their rooms playing video games and watching the newest cartoons. Chris Martin on the other hand, chose to pick up a basketball.

For as long as he can remember, Martin has spent much of his life developing his basketball game. It is no surprise the sophomore point guard is ready for the Marshall University basketball spotlight.

"I was 8-years-old when I started playing competitively and going to AAU tournaments," Martin said.

Before long, the Upper Marlboro, Md., native was traveling and playing in the Amateur Athletic Union at a time when most of his classmates were shooting basketballs in their driveways. Fascinated by the sport, Martin found himself playing with the DC Assault AAU team and earned national recognition by the time he was in his teens.

"It's competitive," Martin said. "You get your name out there and play against the top talent in the country. I had a great time on DC Assault."

Growing up he watched Washington Wizards games and said he enjoyed watching NBA stars Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison.

Entering high school Martin already had the interest of several NCAA Division I schools. Martin attended St. John's College High School in Chevy Chase, Md., for his first three years before transferring in senior year to St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth, N.J. Martin said transferring high schools was a decision based on family and opportunity.

"I have a lot of family in the New York area," Martin said. "I just felt like the opportunity at St. Patrick was something I just couldn't pass up. I had a great senior year."

While at St. Patrick High School, the 6-foot, 185-pound point

guard, played with former Kentucky guard Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Derrick Gordon of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Gilchrist was this year's second overall draft pick in the NBA.

While at St. Patrick, Martin played against Austin Rivers, who played at Duke University and was drafted by the New Orleans Hornets in the 2012 NBA draft. Rivers is the son of Boston Celtics Head Coach Doc Rivers.

As a senior, Martin appeared in the HBO documentary "Prayer for a Perfect Season," based on St. Patrick's 2010-2011 season. Martin also participated in a three-point contest on CBS, finishing third. The McDonalds All-American nominee, awarded to the top high school talent in the nation, said it was a special senior year.

After high school, Martin decided to join the Thundering Herd and suit up in the Kelly green and white.

"I felt like it was a good fit for me," Martin said. "This is a competitive conference and coach Herrion just made me feel like home before I made my decision to come here."

Martin, a marketing major, is set to excel on the court, but when he has spare time he does a number of different things.

"I do a lot of reading and researching on basketball," Martin said. "I look at weird stuff in the ocean. I watch Fresh Prince, study, go to class and the gym."

Martin has worn several different numbers throughout his basketball career before settling on the number zero at Marshall. At St. John's, Martin wore the number 11.

"I liked 11 because I looked up to John Wall coming out of high school and he wore it at Kentucky," Martin said.

At St. Patrick, Martin wore number 23 because a teammate was already wearing number 11. Martin chose to wear the number zero when he joined the Herd program.

"I grew up watching Gilbert Arenas," Martin said. "I chose zero when I got to college because I love Arenas' game."

Whatever the number is, Martin has produced both on and off the court. This season, Martin said he is ready and motivated

to show Marshall fans his potential.

"I didn't really play that much last year, so I am just excited to show the fans what I can do," Martin said.

Head Coach Tom Herrion said Martin played big when he had opportunities last season.

"The limited minutes that he played he had some big moments for us," Herrion said. "We believe in Chris. He has made a lot of good strides."

The 2011 men's basketball team featured two experienced senior guards with Damier Pitts and Shaquille Johnson. Martin said he was able to learn from the two seniors in his freshman year, especially when it came to defense.

"Defense is so important on this level and I had to tighten up my defense going against them (Pitts and Johnson) everyday in practice. They were kicking my butt when I first got here," said Martin with a chuckle. "I got a little stronger and better and was competing with them everyday."

During the offseason Martin logged extensive hours in the gym, which he said improved his game.

"I worked on my ball handling skills," Martin said. "In high school I had the reputation of being a shooter, and at my height I need to play point guard too. I just worked on some floor general skills, getting comfortable with my teammates and tightening up my defense."

Coach Herrion said he recognizes the work Martin has put in.

"Chris Martin has had as good a spring to the start of practice anybody in our program," Herrion said. "He has changed his body. He has worked at becoming a better point guard. He is a great shooter and I think he is confident right now."

Martin's work ethic, attitude, basketball IQ and potential have prepared him for the spotlight. A standout player everywhere he has been, Martin is looking to make a name for himself in a Thundering Herd uniform.

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